



CORPUS CHRISTI
PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Council Meeting Minutes Draft
Saturday, March 16th 2024

Attendees:

Voting Members:

Valerie Coffey
Kelly Falcone
Cristin McKenna
Alexandra Rigal
Brian Duemling
Paul Landolfe
Laura Otten
Lauren Rigal

Ex Officio Members:

Fr. Kevin Corcoran
Msgr. Jim Mahoney
Fr. Kamil Kiszka
Bobbie Veeder (Corpus Christi Board of Trustees)

Ex Officio members not present:

Mark Kapsky (Board of Trustees)
Carol Scala (Corpus Christi Business Manager)
Brigette Vohden (Corpus Christi DRE)

Voting member not present:

Bill Cashin

Call to Order: 9:30 AM – Kelly Falcone

Opening Prayer: Valerie Coffey

Review/Approval of November Meeting Minutes: Kelly Falcone presented the minutes which were unanimously approved.

Update on What's Coming for the Parish: Fr. Kevin

- Kelly Falcone has finished up the First Season of the television show “The Chosen.” Some participants have asked for a hybrid in person/zoom format for people who want to participate but have trouble getting out. Start date for the second season discussion sessions TBA.
- Stations of the Cross is growing in number of participants. Brian suggested the Parish Council could participate in one of these next year.
- Rectory bathroom has been repaired and renovated.

- Lenten speaker Steve Angrisano was well received.
- Finances/contributions are stable.
- The Parish is close to signing a contract for roof repair which turned out to be a more complex job than was originally projected. Repairs slated to begin June 4th.
- New administrative assistant, Krista Daras, has been hired and begun work.
- “Live Lent” groups are ongoing. It started with five groups and two of these had to combine.
- Mass attendance has been increasing.
- Fish and Chips dinner had 250 attendees.
- **Brainstorming Session:** Kelly Falcone. Definition of “brainstorming session” and ground rules were provided by Kelly.
- Engaging parishioners – what does that look like in this new paradigm*?
 - *Reduced CC staff, shift to more parishioners involved in ministry leadership
 - Challenge: not enough parishioners willing/able to help/lead
- Question: How do we (CC) effectively engage and support parishioners within this new paradigm? (let’s get creative!). Many ideas were generated in the following categories: Incentives, Types of Programs, “get them in,” Structure, Time Challenges, Awareness/outreach, and Support.
- Kelly will meet with Fr. Kevin to review the ideas generated.

New Member Selection Process Update: Brian Duemling

- Update on Applicants/Review of timeline. We currently have 12 nominees. Fr. Kevin has emailed them an invitation to apply.
- Drawing process for key groups: Teens and Parents with Children in Religious Ed.
 - Group discussion was held on having separate drawings for these key groups during the Council new member selection process.
 - Members of the Council shared rationale for why we should conduct separate drawings for these groups when there is not current representation, or there will not be representation when a member from these groups is exiting their term.
 - These groups are key to the growth and future of our Parish, and it is important that their voices are included on this advisory board to the Pastor.
 - The goal is to always have at least one position on the Council be filled by a parent of a child currently enrolled in Religious Education, and one position by a teen.
 - Therefore, when these openings exist, the Council recommends that we have separate drawings from the candidate pool for each of these groups (separate drawing for all the Teen candidates, and separate drawing for the “Parent/Guardian” candidates).
 - If there are already members from these groups serving on the Council, and parishioners from these groups apply for an open Council position, then their names would be included in the general drawing.
 - Kelly called for a vote on the motion to have an identified seat for Teens and Parent/Guardians of a child in Religious education, and to have a separate drawing for those candidates when a seat is open. The motion passed unanimously.

Leadership Roles Nominations : Kelly Falcone

- Term: September 2024 – June 2026
- Vice Chairperson and Recorder. There are no nominees for Vice Chairperson. Laura Otten is nominated for position of Recorder.

Group Share/Self Formation: Kelly Falcone

- What are you doing this Lent to prepare for Easter? Kelly asked each person to share one thing.

Closing Prayer: Alexandra Rigal

Remaining Schedule for 2023/24 Year:

- Saturday May 18, 2024